## **Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes**

July 10, 2013 - 4:00 p.m. Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Commissioners Present: Clegg (Chair), Cohen, Dolan, Ferrara, Heinle, Johnson, Kozak, Lickness,

Peltola, Sandberg, Schwarzkopf

Commissioners Excused: Connell, Metge, Rice, Rubenstein

Also Present: Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney

#### 1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Roll call was taken.

#### 2. Adopt Agenda

Sandberg moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Connell, Metge, Rice, Rubenstein.

#### 3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of June 5, 2013

Sandberg moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2013. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Connell, Metge, Rice, Rubenstein.

Abstaining - Heinle.

#### 4. Chair's Report

Included in Item 6.

#### 5. Introduction of New Charter Commissioner Denny (DJ) Heinle

Commissioner Heinle had been a member of the Redistricting Advisory Group and he thanked everyone for their participation in the redistricting process. He is a resident of North Minneapolis and a former resident of the Powderhorn Park area. He had been working in the North Loop Neighborhood but is currently working in St. Paul. He still participates in the North Loop Neighborhood Association Planning and Zoning Commission and as a business representative on the North Loop Neighborhood Association Board. He looked forward to serving in his new position as Charter Commissioner.

#### **Discussion**

# 6. Plain Language Charter Education and Outreach Committee: Update.

Schwarzkopf, Co-Chair of the Education and Outreach Committee, summarized the Communications Plan developed by the Committee. Chair Clegg had developed an elevator speech. Commissioner Ferrara was contacting organizations and groups to determine their interest in learning more about the Plain Language Charter. The Committee will also be creating a video. They will continue to implement the plan and develop the tools necessary to carry out the passage of the Plain Language Charter.

Clegg stated that the one-page elevator speech contained the rationale behind the Plain Language Charter, listing some of the obsolete topics included in the current Charter, how the Charter originated, and the history of the rewrite. He had given a copy of the elevator speech to the League of Women Voters at their request. He had also sent a letter to the Minneapolis City Council addressing the City Attorney's concerns relating to the Plain Language Charter.

### **Public Commentary**

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

Sandberg moved to adjourn. Seconded. Adopted upon a voice vote. Absent - Connell, Metge, Rice, Rubenstein.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Submitted by: Peggy Menshek, Charter Commission Coordinator